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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5658, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. PORTER OF NEVADA

Page 283, after line 3, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 734. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SUICIDE PRE-
2 VENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The psychological challenges faced by the
5 men and women of the military and veterans are in-
6 creasingly strenuous.

7 (2) The new technologies that are being imple-
8 mented to fight and win the Global War on Terror
9 have created new psychological challenges for Amer-
10 ica's Warfighters.

11 (3) Both combat and non-combat personnel,
12 such as military operators of unmanned aerial vehi-
13 cles, deserve mental health support from the Depart-
14 ments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

15 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
16 gress that—

17 (1) the Congress arduously supports the women
18 and men in uniform as they face further psycho-

1 logical challenges while fighting the Global War on
2 Terror;

3 (2) the Secretary of Defense should continue to
4 provide all possible resources in ensuring the mental
5 health of service men and women and the veterans
6 of the Armed Services;

7 (3) the Secretary of Defense should conduct a
8 study to identify mental health risks for non-com-
9 bative military personnel at remote U.S. installa-
10 tions, such as military operators of unmanned aerial
11 vehicles;

12 (4) the Secretary of Defense should continue to
13 provide our men and women in uniform with respon-
14 sible and responsive mental health services on infor-
15 mation related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
16 (PTSD) and suicide prevention;

17 (5) the Secretary of Defense should work to
18 diligently address the understanding of suicide, as
19 well as identifying risk factors that cause suicide,
20 and provide better preventative and treatment proce-
21 dures; and

22 (6) the Secretary of Defense should seek to
23 identify and eliminate contributing factors related to

- 1 suicide and to prevent a service-member or veteran
- 2 from taking his or her own life.

